

REMARKS

This application has been reviewed in light of the final Office Action dated September 22, 2006. Claims 22 to 27 are pending in the application, of which Claims 22 and 24 are independent. Claims 22 to 27 have been amended herein. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Claims 22 to 26 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. The rejection is respectfully traversed, and is submitted to have been obviated by the amendments made to Claims 22 and 24.

Claims 22, 24, 26, and 27 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 6,630,949 (Yamagishi). Claims 23 and 25 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Yamagishi in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,790,274 (Aizawa). The rejections are respectfully traversed.

According a feature of the invention as recited by Claims 22 and 24, (i) if the switch is turned on by the computer, and the control unit then determines that the predetermined request is not received from the computer, the power control unit is controlled so as to avoid supplying power from the battery to the control unit for a predetermined time, and (ii) after the predetermined time is elapsed, the power control unit determines again whether or not the switch is turned on by the user or the computer.

Neither Yamagishi nor Aizawa, even in the proposed combination, assuming, *arguendo*, that such could be combined, is seen to disclose or suggest at least the foregoing feature.

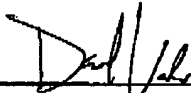
The dependent claims are also submitted to be patentable because they set forth additional aspects of the present invention and are dependent from the independent

claims discussed above. Therefore, separate and individual consideration of each dependent claim is respectfully requested.

The application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

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